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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed April 11, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 81, line 23, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The inactive-type PPO is its variant having no capability of oxidizing protoporphyrinogen IX and having a specific affinity for protoporphyrinogen IX, and specific examples thereof include a PPO variant in which a region presumed to be FAD binding site of PPO (a region having the amino acid sequence GXGXXG (SEQ ID NO:77), wherein X is any amino acid, e.g., a region comprising the 63rd to 68th amino acids from the N-terminus of chloroplast localized PPO of mouse-ear cress (*Arabidopsis thaliana*) and having the amino acid